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Newsletter

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Red Line Extension

Red Line Extension Project (RLE) Completes Environmental Process and Receives Record of Decision

On August 12, 2022 the Federal Transit Administration and the CTA, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, announced the publication of the combined Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation for the RLE Project. This is a significant milestone that concludes the environmental process and paves the way for the CTA to advance to the next steps of the federal New Starts funding program.

The Record of Decision is the official decision document regarding the project's environmental impacts and mitigation. Public and agency engagement and feedback have been vital to the development and refinement of the Red Line Extension Project and will remain essential in helping shape this project and its path forward.

Visit transitchicago.com/rle/finaleis for more information, including an electronic copy of the combined Final EIS/ROD and Final Section 4(f) Evaluation and a list of 11 locations where hard copies are available through September 12.

Example Red Line Extension Station Rendering: 103rd Street Station (Looking East along 103rd Street)

Note the appearance of project elements and residences in visualizations is intended to show the scale of project elements. Actual construction appearance may differ based on design refinements and design decisions for color, textures, finishes, and choice of specific design features.

Red Line Extension Community Spotlight: Networks Barber College

Corey Daurham, Co-Owner, Networks Barber College

Meet Corey Daurham, a second-generation Roseland business owner. Corey's father, William Daurham, founded Chazap Barber College in 2004. Corey worked alongside his father at Chazap before taking over the family business following his father's passing. In 2019, Corey and Chazap Barber College merged with Networks Barber College (founded in 2009 by Kumasi Barfield.) Corey now runs Networks Barber College with his business partner, and the college boasts two locations in addition to Roseland: in the Englewood community near the CTA's Green Line Ashland Station and in the suburb of Calumet City.

The Networks Barber College Roseland location, near RLE's proposed 103rd Street station, offers a year-long licensing program and serves an estimated 100 customers each week. Corey looks forward to the completion of RLE. "Customer traffic will increase," he began. "This project will help local businesses tremendously once it is complete. And my students won't have an excuse for not being able to get to classes."

Corey has been monitoring the progress of the project and has attended virtual meetings about the project. "I'm excited for the Red Line Extension to be brought to fruition. I'm looking forward to the groundbreaking and to seeing what the future holds for Chicago and for small businesses."

The Red Line Extension will provide many benefits, including:

- **Equity**
- **Frequent rail service**
- **Connectivity and access**
- **Economic opportunity**
- **Sustainable transportation**

Stay informed! Learn more about contracting opportunities with CTA and the RLE Project

In cooperation with CTA's Diversity Programs, the Red Line Extension Project will host a series of Meet & Greet events through 2023. These events allow potential prime contractors, subcontractors and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) to meet and network in preparation to compete for contracting opportunities on the RLE project. Stay tuned at **transitchicago.com/RLE/engage** for more information about our Meet & Greet events.

To be informed about CTA's Red Line Extension contracting opportunities, or other CTA projects, register as a potential vendor at **transitchicago.bonfirehub.com**. To learn more about becoming a certified DBE, visit **transitchicago.com/dbe**. CTA's DBE Program demonstrates the Authority's continued commitment to the success of minority and women-owned businesses by promoting contracting opportunities to DBEs within transit.

Questions?

Would you like to be added to our list for future Red Line Extension updates?

Contact us at **RedExtension@transitchicago.com**, visit our engagement website at **transitchicago.com/RLE/engage**, call CTA Customer Service at 1-888-968-7282, or write us at:

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45 STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS AND LISTENING SESSIONS CONDUCTED

5 RLE PROJECT ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS

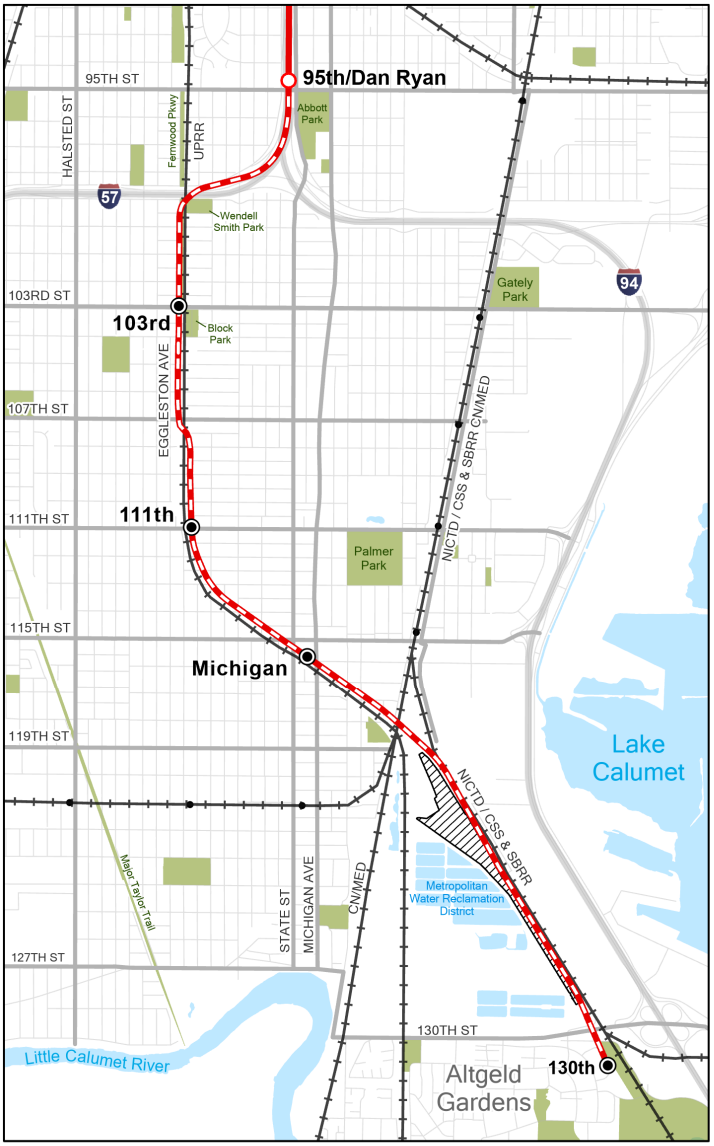
1,210 ATTENDEES ACROSS **14** COMMUNITY MEETINGS

401 VISITORS REACHED AT **15** LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS IN THE RLE AREA

6,170 RLE ENGAGEMENT WEBSITE VISITS

167 RESPONSES THROUGH WEBSITE ENGAGEMENT TOOLS

Red Line Extension Preferred Alignment



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